ancial incentives as Central subsidy, service charges, turn-key job fee, promotional charges and repair charges; establishment of Regional Biogas Development and Training Centres; organisation of demonstration on manure in farmers' fields and publicity and extension.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The project is expected to help eligible families in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh to recycle cattle dung through biogas plants for production of fuel gas as well as enriched manure; besides reducing the drudgery of women and children and improving health and hygiene.

(d) A total of over 1.88 lakh family type biogas plants have been set up in different districts by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh during the period 1981-82 to 1990-91 under the National Project for Biogas Development. Besides, Khadi and Village Industries Commission and voluntary organisations have set up over 9200 biogas plants in the State. Steps already taken for setting up of biogas plants in Kumaon hill areas include provision of higher rates of Central subsidy, organisation of training of masons and users, particularly women, provision of repair charges for rectification of old non-functional plants, promotion of smaller capacity biogas plants, etc.

LPG facility in Kumaon region of UP.

952. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections with each agency 'in Almora, Ranikhet, Haldwani and Nainital of U.P. and the number of persons on the waiting' list as on the 30th June, 1991;

(b)by when the wait listed persons are likely to be provided the LPG connections in those towns; and the other places in hill districts of Kumaon region in U.P. where LPG facilities are available at present and by when the remaining districts are likely to be provided with such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Information as provided by the oil companies is as follows:

	No. of LPG Connections	No. of persons on the waiting list
1. Almora	5,888	1,324
2. Ranikhet	5,200	952
3. Haldwani	5,195	2,923
4. Nainital	10,040	2,525

(b) Efforts are on to give LPG connection to as many applicants as early as possible.

(c) LPG dealership exist in all districts in the hilly areas of U.P.

Central assistance for Power Projects in U.P.

953. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested the Central Government for the grant of Central financial assistance for construction of the Tehri Dam Project and installation of a thermal power plant in district Mathura; and

(b) if so, how much and by when the amounts are likely to be released for these two projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NAH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of North Karnapura Super Thermal Power Project in Bihar

954. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA Will the Minister of POWER AND NON - CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar is one of the most power starved States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Bihar is ready to provide land and other pre-requisites for setting up of North Karnapura Super Thermal Power Project at Hazaribag; and

(c) if so, by what time Government plans to implement the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NAH RAI): (a) During April-July, 1991, Bihar faced an energy shortage of 31.9 per cent as against average shortage of 16.9 in the Eastern Region.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The project will require investment approval after issues like water availability, funds, environmental clearance, concurrence of Damodar Valley Corporation etc., are settled.

Airport at Jabalpur

955. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to get an airport constructed at Jabalpur which is of immense importance because of army installation, Ordnance factories and tourist attractions like Kanha National Park and Bhaire Ghat Marble Rocks; and

(b) what steps are propose to be taken to connect Jabalpur by air pending the construction of airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA); (a) The National Airports Authority has an airport at Jabalpur. Upgradation of the airport for Boeing 737 operations has not been possible because of the proximity of Ordnance Depot and Ammunition Factory of the Ministry of Defence.

(b) The runway at Jabalpur airport is not adequate for operation of Boeing 737 aircraft. Indian Airlines cannot operate to the existing airport at Jabalpur with the type of aircraft presently in its fleet. For commercial and operation reasons, Vayudoot also is not in a position to operate to Jabalpur at the present moment.

Air services in Madhya Pradesh

956. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh has requested the Central Government for re-introducing certain air services in the State; and

(b) if so, what steps are the Central Government taking to connect those eleven places by air which are mentioned in the Chief Minister's aforementioned letter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA); (a) Yes, Sir.